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Subject: FW: Notification to Restart City of St. Charles Production Wells
Attachments: 2022-12-13_City Response Letter to EPA-MDNR_Restarting Wells.pdf

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Mr. Jurgens and Mr. Lamb,

Attached is the City's response letter to the USEPA letter dated December 2, 2022 and the MDNR letter dated December 5, 2022 regarding the City's intent to restart drinking water wells CW-4, CW-5, CW-6, and CW-8 mentioned in my email on November 21, 2022. Your agency letters are lacking of any treatment system and/or other actions to protect the public. The recommendations to only monitor this situation are extremely concerning and will do nothing to ensure the health and safety of our drinking water customers. The public should not be forced to drink contaminated water before the USEPA and MDNR will require action. As you know, the City has been forced to shut down City Well #9 which makes the actions necessary to restart the wells urgent and a high priority. The attached letter describes the requirements and actions necessary to ensure the health and safety of the public is protected from the expanding contamination in our wellfield. Please let us know when these actions are scheduled to take place.

Thanks,
Nick

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Mr. Galla, attached please find a letter from the Department of Natural Resources in response to your notification to restart the City of St. Charles Production wells. As noted in the letter, the Department is committed to working with the City to assist you with maintaining compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act. Our team will be reaching out to your staff soon to discuss the sampling identified in the letter.

Sincerely,

David J. Lamb
Chief, Public Drinking Water Branch
Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Water Protection Program
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573-751-0124

We'd like your feedback on the service you received from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Please consider taking a few minutes to complete the department's Customer Satisfaction Survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MoDNRsurvey>. Thank you.

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I'm copying Eric Medlock and David Lamb, of our Public Drinking Water Branch, who can provide feedback from a Safe Drinking Water Act standpoint.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Galla: Thank you for the notice of intent regarding the planned pumping of City of St. Charles PWS wells. Your email indicates a desire to resume the pumping of key wells within 7 days. Many of our staff are utilizing leave during the Thanksgiving holidays and a 7 day notice may be difficult to achieve with regards to planning and notification to Ameren. EPA will set up a meeting with our staff when they return early next week and get back with you expeditiously with a response to your below email.

EPA defers to MoDNR regarding a state response. EPA is committed to working with the city to use your PWS resources to the best of their abilities, yet remain protective to your water customers. Our hope is we can work cooperatively to provide a solution to the current pumping needs with a long-term plan that is a benefit to the community.

Bob Jurgens | Director
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Mr. Jurgens,

Per our discussion last Thursday, this email serves to provide the USEPA and Missouri DNR with notification that the City of St. Charles intends to restart our fully operating drinking water production wells CW-4, CW-5, CW-6, and CW-8. We are requesting that the USEPA and Missouri DNR provide the City of St. Charles with a list of the requirements and actions that will be taken by Ameren Missouri and other responsible parties to ensure the safe resumption in operation of these four drinking water wells within 7-days. We will be suspending operations of drinking water wells CW-7, CW-9, and CW-10 simultaneous to restarting the four aforementioned drinking water wells that had been shut down due to the proximity or confirmed presence of contamination from Ameren Missouri or the other responsible parties. This will allow the City of St. Charles to perform necessary maintenance on the three otherwise overworked drinking water wells. We look forward to your response and continued engagement with the USEPA and Missouri DNR.

Thanks,
Nick

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